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SUBJECT: ECE 33RD PLENARY SESSION: BREZHNEV PROPOSALS

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1. CZECH LETTER TO STANOVNIK (REF A) ON POSSIBLE ENERGY AND TRANSPORT MEETINGS CONFIRMS KAWAN'S WARNING IN BRUSSELS (REF B) THAT SOVIETS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS NOW APPLYING PRESSURE ON STANOVNIK TO OBTAIN IN GENEVA WHAT THEY DID NOT GET AT BELGRADE. AMBASSADOR SHOULD COMMEND STANOVNIK FOR STICKING TO HIS MANDATE AND LET HIM KNOW THAT US VIEWS SUCH OBVIOUS PRESSURE AS CONFUSING PRINCIPAL TASKS OF 33RD PLENARY SESSION. STANOVNIK WILL GET WORD TO SOVIETS, BUT AMBASSADOR, AT HIS DISCRETION AND IF OCCASION WARRANTS, MAY NOTE TO SOVIET OR EASTERN EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES THAT CZECH REQUEST THAT STANOVNIK PREPARE QUOTE ANALYTICAL ANNOTATIONS UNQUOTE ON ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCES GOES BEYOND STANOVNIK MANDATE IN RESOLUTION 1 (XXXII). AT MARCH 17 CAUCUS AMBASSADOR MAY ENCOURAGE OTHER WESTERN AMBASSADORS TO OFFER SIMILAR SUPPORT FOR STANOVNIK STANCE.

2. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT EC COREPER MEETING MARCH 13, IN BRUSSELS DID NOT REACH ANY CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL

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POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL HIGH LEVEL MEETING (HLM). WE ARE PLEASED THAT KAWAN HAS RECOGNIZED THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO TAKE A DECISION IN PRINCIPLE AT 33RD PLENARY, ALTHOUGH SUCH A DECISION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AT 34TH COMMISSION SESSION.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT STANOVNIK MUST PLACE ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA ANY ITEM REQUESTED BY MEMBER DELEGATION, AND NOTE THAT HE HAS ALREADY DONE SO IN CASE OF SOVIET PROPOSAL (E/ECE/951). WE ALSO NOTE THAT THIS SOVIET PROPOSAL CALLS FOR SEPARATE ITEM ON POSSIBLE CONFERENCES ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND TRANSPORT, NOT JUST THE LATTER TWO. THUS WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND GRAHAM'S LINE OF ARGUMENT AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 4, REF A. STANOVNIK, IN PROVISIONAL AGENDA (PAGE 8), SAYS THAT ITEM FIVE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR CONSIDERATION OF SOVIET PROPOSALS ON ENERGY AND TRANSPORT. BUT SOVIETS HAVE NOW CALLED FOR SEPARATE ITEM, AND WE ARE NOW LIMITED TO ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE ORDER IN WHICH THAT ITEM APPEARS ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA. CONSEQUENTLY, MISSION SUGGESTION THAT FOR TIME BEING WE TRY TO GET THAT ITEM PLACED AFTER ITEM NUMBER 5

APPEARS TO BE BEST OPTION. WE CAN ADDRESS LATER HOW TO DEAL WITH THAT ITEM. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO REPORT OF STANOVNIK'S CONVERSATION IN BONN (REF C), AND ENVISAGE THAT WE WILL FIRST ADDRESS THE ISSUE IN THE NATO CONTEXT.

4. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT PREMATURE TO DISCUSS NORDIC DRAFT RESOLUTION ON POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL HLM, ESPECIALLY SINCE EC HAS NOT YET FORMULATED POSITION. MISSION AUTHORIZED TO COMMENT AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 6, REF A, AND SHOULD NOTE THAT USG LOOKS FORWARD TO CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AT A LATER WESTERN CAUCUS. MISSION SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO EC COMMISSION REP AND EC MEMBER DELEGATES THAT SOONER EC CAN FORMULATE ITS POSITION, BETTER IS CHANCE FOR COORDINATED WESTERN POSITION, AND THAT WE LOOK
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FORWARD TO EXCHANGING VIEWS ONCE EC HAS DISCUSSED MATTER IN DETAIL.

5. MISSION AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT SPANISH AMBASSADOR AS VICE CHAIRMAN IF IT BELIEVES HE WILL BE EFFECTIVE CHAIRMAN AT 34TH SESSION. VANCE

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